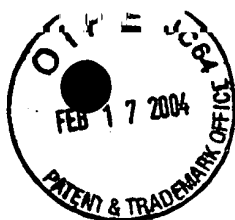


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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 10, 2003 to February 10, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
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Respectfully Submitted

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